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Norfolk Southern Railway Company; the City of Mount Olive; Staunton Township; and the State of

Illinois, Department of Transportation,

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Illinois Commerce Commission PAIL SAFETY SECTION

Stipulated Agreement regarding improving public safety at the crossings of the Company's tracks with public highways known as Third North Street, Main Street (CH 16), Second South Street, Third South Street, Poplar Street, and Eighth South Street, all in the City of Mount Olive, and TR 457 in Staunton Township, all located in Macoupin County, Illinois, designated as crossings AAR/DOT 480 074P, milepost 444.51-WA, AAR/DOT 480 075W, milepost 444.74-WA, AAR/DOT 480 077K, milepost 444.85-WA, AAR/DOT 480 077K, milepost 444.93-WA, AAR/DOT 480 078S, milepost 445.09-WA, AAR/DOT

480 079Y, milepost 445.28-WA, and AAR/DOT 480 084V, milepost 447.13-WA, respectively.

MOTION REQUESTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

NOW COMES Norfolk Southern Railway Company (Norfolk Southern), by and through its attorney, Neil F. Flynn, and for its Motion Requesting Prehearing Conference states:

- On or about January 5, 2006, the City of Mount Olive filed its Supplemental Petition For Additional Funding.
- After reviewing the City's Supplemental Petition For Additional Funding, Norfolk
 Southern is unclear as to the exact amount of and purpose or purposes for which the City
 is seeking additional funding by way of its Supplemental Petition.
- 3. Further, Norfolk Southern is unclear as to whether the City is alleging that Norfolk Southern is in any way responsible for or whether the City is seeking a Commission determination to allocate among the parties any such alleged cost overrun.



4. 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200,300 permits the scheduling of a prehearing conference to, among other things, simplify the issues, to develop discovery schedules and to facilitate the prompt and efficient resolution of the proceeding. (83 Ill.Adm.Code 200.300)

WHEREFORE, Norfolk Southern respectfully requests 1) that in lieu of a substantive hearing on the merits of the City's Supplemental Petition currently scheduled for March 9, 2006, a prehearing conference be scheduled and conducted at that time; and 2) that if after the completion of that prehearing conference contested issues of fact remain outstanding, the parties be allowed a reasonable opportunity to undertake and complete discovery, and that a subsequent date for hearing on the merits be scheduled at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 28, 2006

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on <u>library 28</u>, 2006, a copy of the foregoing instrument was served upon the following parties by depositing said instruments in the U.S. Mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, at Springfield, Illinois, plainly addressed as follows:

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